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Re: Application of Yoshihide KINBARA  
METHOD AND DEVICE FOR DISCHARGE PROCESSING  
Our Ref: Q64212

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation Application of YOSHIHIDE KINBARA pending prior Application No. PCT/JP99/01331 filed March 18, 1999 entitled METHOD AND DEVICE FOR DISCHARGE PROCESSING.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and Abstract, 10 sheets of drawings, an executed Declaration/Power of Attorney, the executed Assignment with PTO-1595, International Search Report, International Preliminary Examination Report, an Information Disclosure Statement, with Form PTO-1449 listing known references and a Preliminary Amendment.

**PLEASE NOTE: This application is being filed as a Continuation of PCT/JP99/001331 pursuant to MPEP §§1895 and 1896.**

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	26	-	20	=	6	x	\$18.00	=	\$108.00
Independent claims	2	-	3	=		x	\$80.00	=	\$0.00
Base Fee									\$860.00
<b>TOTAL FILING FEE</b>									<b>\$968.00</b>
<b>Recordation of Assignment</b>									<b>\$ 40.00</b>
<b>TOTAL FEE</b>									<b>\$1008.00</b>

Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$968.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.492 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.



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There is no §119 claim to priority.

Respectfully submitted,

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